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Richard Mourdock



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This month marks the end of the 2010 calendar year and the halfway point for the 2011 fiscal year.

At the end of October, my staff compiled and submitted our 2010 Annual Report, which was submitted to the governor's office in accordance with state statute. The report summarized the duties of our office and information on the numerous funds and dedicated trusts we invest on a regular basis. I am still proud of the fact that our office reported \$480,000,000 in overall investment earnings for the 2010 fiscal year.

The month of October is traditionally recognized as "Employee Ownership Month" by thousands of employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) companies throughout the country, including many here in Indiana. I had the pleasure of addressing the employees of Herff Jones, Inc. of Indianapolis, one of the biggest ESOP companies in the Nation, during their ESOP celebration luncheon.

The end of the year is also a perfect opportunity for me to make a final sales pitch to all of you who have children and grandchildren by asking you to consider opening a CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plan (529 Savings Plan) on their behalves. I guarantee they will be grateful later when their first college bill comes due!

I have had the continued pleasure of meeting so many of you through my travels throughout the state by speaking to dozens of civic organizations and trade associations. If your organization is in need of a speaker this coming spring, please feel free to contact me or my staff.

As always, my staff and I can always be reached at (317)232-6386 or our at www.in.gov/tos if you are ever in need of assistance.

I sincerely wish you and your loved ones a prosperous 2011.

Sincerely,

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Treasurer of State's Office Reported \$480,000,000 in Earnings for 2010 Fiscal Year

The Treasurer of State's Office submitted its annual financial report for fiscal year 2010 to the Governor's Office on October 31st, as required by statute, which showed that the investment portfolio that the treasurer is responsible for earned \$480,320,385, or a yield of 6.99%

"That is \$480,000,000 in investment earnings for Indiana that Hoosier families will not have to pay in higher taxes," explained treasurer Mourdock. In particular, the following funds did exceptionally well:

	<u>Investment Earnings</u>	<u>Yield</u>
Major Moves Construction Fund	\$ 336,044,715	14.05%
Next Generation Trust Fund	\$ 68,622,317	12.02%
Indiana State Police Pension Trust	\$ 48,881,752	14.68%

"Over the past four years, the Indiana Treasurer of State's Office has earned over \$1 billion dollars for Hoosiers. I am proud of that figure, and I will continue to work hard for all Hoosier taxpayers," stated Treasurer Mourdock



Treasurer Mourdock Addresses Herff Jones Employees on Company's ESOP Celebration Day



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Treasurer Mourdock discussing the ongoing benefits of being an ESOP company to Herff Jones employees

October is traditionally recognized as "Employee Ownership Month" by employee-owned, ESOP, companies throughout the country.

To coincide with that recognition, the vast majority of ESOPs companies have their own celebration to recognize the contributions and efforts that their employees have made for the betterment of the company. In addition, the companies usually provide updates on the growth, productivity, and financial health of their organizations.

"I have had the pleasure of speaking to dozens of ESOP companies these past several years, and I always encourage them to keep being innovative, more productive, and continue to grow. ESOP employees are envied by employees of other organizations because the employee-owners have the opportunity to directly share in the success of their organizations," stated Treasurer Mourdock

In 2008, State Treasurer Richard Mourdock created the Indiana ESOP Initiative for the purpose of encouraging more Indiana business to become ESOP companies in an effort to retain jobs within our state's borders.

IN CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans Continues Growth; New Investment Option to be Offered

Indiana's CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plan (529 Savings Plan) continues to grow with the ever increasing number of parents saving for their children's college education. As of November 30, 2010, Indiana's 529 Savings Plan has 178,038 accounts and \$1.3 billion in assets.

In 2011, the Indiana Education Savings Authority, which oversees the 529 Savings Plan, hopes to offer certificates of deposit (CDs) as acceptable investment options for Hoosier parents.

"Some Indiana families are just more comfortable in doing business with their local financial institutions, and we don't want them to miss out on opportunities to save for college. The CDs will qualify for and the parents will enjoy the same tax benefits as other investment options offered by Indiana's 529 Savings Plan," stated Treasurer Mourdock.

